December 8, 2011

Corbin R. Davis
Clerk
Michigan Supreme Court
P.O. Box 30052
Lansing, Michigan 48909

Re: AM 2010-22 and MRPC 7.3

Dear Mr. Davis:

I received a copy of a letter to you written by Connie R. Thacker as chair of the Family Law Section of the State Bar of Michigan. Ms. Thacker's letter addresses the above-referenced proposed court rule amendment and addition to the Michigan Rules of Professional Conduct to control the practice of "trolling" by Michigan Family Law attorneys. I support the Family Law Section's position in this matter 100% and ask that you communicate my support to the Justices of the Michigan Supreme Court.

As and active family lawyer, I have personally had situations with clients where litigation has been filed and quickly dismissed only to have trolling letters appear advising the other party of the litigation which, inevitably, resulted in a recommencement of the litigation. During my tenure as chair of the Family Law Council in 2004-2005 I personally contacted some of the attorneys engaging in the practice of trolling seeking to obtain their voluntary consent to cease the practice in the overall interest of family law clients to no avail. In my opinion the 14 day "blackout period" on trolling is both reasonable and necessary. It would not inhibit free speech as contemplated by *Shapero v. Kentucky Bar Association*, 496 U.S. 466 (1988). It is simply a reasonable waiting period after which attorneys engaged in trolling practices may send out their solicitation letters as is presently the case.

I hope the Justices of the Supreme Court see the need for these proposed rule changes and pass them without delay.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAMS, WILLIAMS, RATTNER & PLUNKETT, P.C.

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